

Prohibition in the State

165. SRI H. N. NANJE GOWDA (Arkalgud).—

Will the Minister for Finance and Planning be pleased to state :—
the reasons for enforcing prohibition in few taluks and scrapping it in the rest of the State ?

A.—SRI RAMAKRISHNA HEGDE (Minister for Finance and Planning).—

The views of the legislators generally.

CALLING ATTENTION TO A MATTER OF URGENT PUBLIC IMPORTANCE *re*: SUPPLY OF ADDITIONAL QUOTA OF WHEAT AND WHEAT PRODUCTS TO CHIKMAGALUR DISTRICT.

SRI M. MALLAPPA (Birur).—I beg to call the attention of the Minister for Food and Civil Supplies regarding immediate supply of additional quota of Wheat and Wheat products to Chikmagalur District.

9.30 A.M.

SRI B. D. JATTI (Minister for Food and Civil Supplies).—The Hon'ble Member from Chickmagalur District has called attention to certain difficulties faced by the people in Chickmagalur District due to failure of timely rains and crops, and for supply of additional quotas of wheat and products to the District.

The entire District of Chickmagalur has not been affected due to failure of timely rains. Certain tracts in the Taluks of Chickmagalur, Kadur and Tarikere are reported to have been affected by adverse seasonal conditions.

The Hon'ble Members are aware that the State is marginally deficit in foodgrains. Wheat is not locally grown in substantial quantities in the State. It is being allotted by Government of India out of the imports from outside the country. The allotments of wheat by the Government of India to the State stood at a very high level in 1966 and Chickmagalur District was allotted 1,000 tonnes of wheat every month upto the end of November 1966. Thereafter, the allotment from the Government of India was sharply scaled down from time to time and the present allotment of wheat to the State is about 4,000 tonnes per month. Consequently the allotment to every District in the State, including Chickmagalur District, has been reduced. A quantity of 65 tonnes of wheat was allotted every month from May, 1967 and this is being maintained. With regard to Wheat Products

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a quantity of about 65 tonnes (Maida, Soji, Atta) was being allotted to Chickmagalur District every month. Since the supply position of wheat products has improved recently, the allotment to the District during December 1967 has been raised to 91 tonnes.

In view of the general difficulties in maintaining supplies of wheat products, efforts have been made to supplement district quotas by other foodgrains, like Jowar, Bajra etc. A total quantity of 800 tonnes of these grains was allotted to the District during the last six months from July, 1967 upto December, 1967. In order to help the Plantation labour in the District, a bulk quantity of 100 tonnes of wheat and 200 tonnes of Jowar has also been allotted to the Mysore State Planters Association, Chickmagalur for distribution to the Plantation labour.

Government are alive to the situation and we are taking every possible step to alleviate the difficulties.

CONSIDERATION OF THE REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON THE MAHARASHTRA-MYSORE-KERALA BOUNDARY DISPUTES

(Debate contd.)

Mr. SPEAKER.— Now before the debate is resumed, I wish to point out that a number of members have ignored the provisions of Rule 279. Mr. Krishnan I do not know whether he is here, wants to give notice of an amendment. Mr. Kadam has given notice of what he calls a substitute motion. There are one or two amendments. It is not a normal motion that is before the House. Nobody has got a right to give notice of an amendment. The Member must kindly observe the Rule which provides for certain special procedure. Otherwise, the debate will run out without anything. In order that the result of the debate might be assessed, it is decided that at the conclusion of the debate, at the appointed hour, the member moves the substantive motion in the proper terms to be approved by the Speaker. That is ignored. The Speaker must see whether they are proper or not. Nobody says that the approval of the Speaker is not wanted. It looks as if substantive motions are a matter of right. It is not enough if the Members simply say that they want to move them. They must satisfy me. The Speaker must be convinced whether the words have been properly used or wrongly used. More appropriateness will come by another substantive motion or by an amendment. Mr. Krishnan has merely addressed a letter to the Secretary. The Secretary has no power to approve; it is the Speaker who has to approve.